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Dear Friend:

To win at tennis, the rules are simple. Do your homework and when the time comes, go for it.

The same rules apply to politics.

But, unlike tennis, in a political fight you also need money.

You can have a great cause and a brilliant strategy. But if your opponent has more money, your chances are slim and none.

That's why I'm writing. I need your help to defeat the worst attack on civil rights in recent Colorado history.

I am outraged! Amendment #2 is a proposed amendment to our Colorado Constitution that actually would legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation. It would invalidate existing anti-discrimination ordinances in three cities, as well as Governor Roy Romer's executive order protecting state employees.

And it would forbid Colorado citizens from ever again voting on such ordinances.

To protect the rights of hundreds and thousands of Coloradans -- and the rights of all Colorado voters -- this amendment must be stopped.

And you can help by writing and mailing a check right now to EPOColorado.

But Amendment #2 is not just a threat; it's an opportunity. The national right-wing wants to lay claim to Colorado, and Amendment #2 is its tool.

Colorado voters have the unique opportunity to hand the right-wing extremists a major defeat right here in our state.

Colorado for Family Values, the group behind Amendment #2, is an off-spring of the Traditional Values Coalition, a national organization committed to rolling back civil rights throughout America. They are the heirs of the Moral Majority, and their agenda goes far beyond legalizing discrimination against gays and lesbians.

In fact, Amendment #2 is just the first wave. If they win in Colorado, look for an all-out attack on privacy and local control, on what can be taught in our schools, and

even control of our own bodies.

But if they lose, it will be a serious blow to the extremist agenda -- not just in Colorado, but throughout the country.

That's why your help is critical. Colorado can stop the right-wing dead in its tracks -- but only if EPOColorado has the money to make it a fair fight.

I chose to live in Colorado not just for its beauty and climate. I chose to live here because Coloradans are independent and fair-minded -- people who judge others on character and ability, and who make up their own minds.

Nothing would make me prouder than for my home state to live up to those principles by defeating Amendment #2.

By contributing today, *you* will make that happen.

In tennis, it all depends on the efforts of a few people on the court. The rest can sit by and be entertained.

But politics is not a spectator sport. It's not enough for us to sit by -- we've got to be part of the team. And no one's going to be entertained if we lose to CFV.

So join me in a great cause by contributing early to EPOColorado. If we do this right, we can all go back to our lives and not have to worry about attacks on civil rights. But doing it right means writing a check today.

The ball's in *your* court. Please help.

Sincerely,

Martina Navratilova

P.S. Isn't stopping the right-wing campaign in Colorado worth at least as much to you as one night out with a good friend? If so, here's a challenge: Take $50 -- or whatever you'd spend -- and send it to EPOColorado.

Then send this letter to your friend -- and blame it on me.

OK Martina!

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